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SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER KIRK HOSPITALIZED

REF: WELLINGTON 2626

1. PRIME MINISTER NORMAN KIRK'S PRESS SPOKESMAN (MAJOR JACK KNOWLES) HAS JUST INFORMED US THAT THE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT WOULD BE ISSUED AT 2:00 PM WELLINGTON TIME AUGUST 28: QTE THE PRIME MINISTER HAS BEEN ADMITTED INTO HOSPITAL FOR A SIX-WEEK REST. UNQTE. SPOKESMAN SAID THIS MEANT THAT KIRK'S HOPED FOR CALL ON PRESIDENT FORD NEXT MONTH AND PM'S VISIT TO THE UNITED NATIONS WERE OFF.

2. KNOWLES SAID KIRK IS NOT AS ILL AS GOING TO HOSPITAL FOR SIX WEEKS WOULD SUGGEST. HOWEVER, IN CONDITIONS OF NEW ZEALAND POLITICS KIRK COULD NOT GET ANY REST UNLESS HE COULD GET COMPLETELY OUT OF POLITICAL TURMOIL. ONLY WAY TO DO THIS WAS TO GO TO HOSPITAL.

3. COMMENT: WE DO NOT KNOW IF KIRK IS MORE BADLY
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OFF THAN GNZ WANTS PUBLIC TO BELIEVE. HOWEVER, IN TOWN

MEETING ATMOSPHERE OF NEW ZEALAND POLITICS, IT IS TRUE
THAT POLITICIANS ARE HARD PUT TO REST UNLESS THEY GO
COMPLETELY OUT OF CIRCULATION.
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